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Editorial

Before the next issue of the Bulletin finds its way into the mails there will have passed the twenty-fifth anniversary of the founding of the organization out of which our Club grew. On May 30, 1886, there was drawn up by one L. Otley Pinder, a constitution of the Young Ornithologists Association. Whatever of publication was done in the first years of the organization appeared in the pages of the old "Oologist." Then "The Curlew" spread its pinions—and died. Next the "Ornithologists and Oologists Semi-Annual" mothered the infant organization under a changed name. Next the organization essayed two numbers of a quarterly (The Wilson Quarterly), found the burden too heavy, and the following year published two abbreviated numbers of a "Journal." This was neap tide. Thus ended the "Old" order. Accomplishment—five volumes of varying character—a rising and a falling tide. The "New" order was ushered in with three small, largely business, "Bulletins," followed the next year (1895) with

two Bulletins containing reports. Then began a regular series of six issues a year, albeit most of them were small and thin. The opening of the new century saw the number in the year reduced to four, and the size more than doubled. And thus we reach the point of this brief sketch. The last volume was much the best that our organization has accomplished, but the present volume will surpass the last one. There are now ready for the printer three exceptionally fine articles which could not find room in the present number for the June issue, and Mr. Frank L. Burns' monumental work on the Broad-winged Hawk will be printed as the September number. It is waiting for the printer. It will cover some 150 Bulletin pages, and will be well illustrated. This will be Mr. Burns' third "Monograph." It is the most complete life history that has ever been written of any bird.

The present number of the Bulletin has been held up for want of mailing envelopes. The order was in for three months before it was filled. The manufacturers of mailing envelopes seem to be doing a marvelous business!

The editor's promised report of the summer work done on Pelee Island will have to be put over until a supplementary summer's work is done on Point Pelee under similar conditions. Already plans are under way for that work, to occupy the latter part of the coming summer.

The Falcones series will be resumed with the June number. It has not been possible to secure all of the material necessary to continue the series earlier.

Field Notes

FALCO RUSTICOLUS IN OHIO.

During a visit at the Ohio State University in November, 1910, Prof. James S. Hine showed me a mounted specimen of *Falco rusticolus* in the museum of the University. The bird was shot on January 30, 1907, at Washington C. H., in Ohio. The Professor stated that somewhere there was a published note of this, but it was not in any bird magazine, and I think it worth while to bring this hidden record to light in our Bulletin, where the ornithologists can read it and have ready access to the record.

New Bremen, O.

W. F. HENNINGER.